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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Rotavirus vaccine, MMRV ordering, Zoster vaccine availability, returning Influenza Vaccine both seasonal and H1N1

Current Order Blanks and Monthly Vaccine Reports

Please make sure you use the most up-to-date order blanks and Monthly Vaccine Reports. You may download the most up-to-date forms at the immunization program website:
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Immunization/VaccinesForChildren.shtml>.

Rotavirus Vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is updating its recommendations on both Rotarix® and RotaTeq®, vaccines for the prevention of rotavirus disease in infants. Based on careful evaluation of a variety of scientific information, FDA has determined it is appropriate for clinicians and health care professionals to resume the use of Rotarix® and to continue the use of RotaTeq®. For more information on this issue, please see the following Health Alert Network (HAN) message:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/ph-informatics/PH-informatics-HAN-message-archive.shtml>
choose HAN message 16 titled, FDA Revises Recommendations for Rotavirus Vaccines.

MMRV

MMRV was available in limited quantities. It is no longer available for order. The new Monthly Vaccine Report attached has a place to document doses of MMRV received and administered. Any doses not reported as received and administered on the June report should be reported on the July report.

Menveo- Some providers may have received Menveo® meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This vaccine is licensed for 11-55 year olds to protect against meningococcal strains A, C, Y, and W135.

Zoster Vaccine

Although the Immunization Program had intended to provide some Zoster vaccine to public clinics, due to Zoster vaccine not being available, we will not be able to provide this vaccine at this time.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Return

All VFC providers have been ordered a McKesson return label for seasonal influenza vaccine return. Please use this label to return any outdated or spoiled vaccine including your seasonal influenza vaccine. Wait until June 30, the expiration date on most of the VFC influenza vaccine, to return remaining doses. Please use the Montana Wasted and Expired Vaccine Form.

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Immunization/documents/MTWastedandExpiredVaccineReturnForm.pdf>

H1N1 Vaccine Return

CDC has procured a contractor to accept expired H1N1 vaccine. This is a voluntary program. County Health Departments and providers who received direct shipments of H1N1 vaccine from McKesson will be sent an informational letter and an UPS return label. Private Providers will need to return vaccine to your County Health Department. At this time, providers should return vaccine doses that will expire by the end of June 2010 (Novartis, CSL, and MedImmune), and should continue to store and use vaccine expiring in 2011 (sanofi-pasteur vaccine in multi-dose vials). Please do not return any H1N1 to McKesson, Home IV Pharmacy or the immunization section.